NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION'S WEEKLY REPORT

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STAFF ACTIVITY

- The staff continues to monitor the FY23 NDAA/DoD budget.
- NS Director attended the Boys Nation introductory events and swearing in ceremony.
- Staff is monitoring issues with military recruiting and retention, including trends for all military services between 2018-2022.
- Staff attended a webinar held by the Quincy Institute titled *"The Short End of the Big Stick: Military Families Bear the Brunt of our Foreign Policy."*
- Staff attended a hearing titled "*Ensuring a Successful Military to Civilian Transition in Southern Alabama"* hosted by House Veterans Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- Staff attended an "Indo-Pacific Policy/Operations" hearing hosted by the Senate Armed Services Committee.
- Staff attended a virtual meeting hosted by the Interagency Veterans Advisory Council involving The Future of U.S. Space Command, CBP Officers on the Front Lines, Psychological Wellbeing.
- NS Director met with Chairman Shin from the Korean Veterans Association to discuss National Security issues in the Indo-Pacific as we as Veterans Service Organization-related topics.
- Staff attended a "Service Members Reproductive Health/Readiness" hearing hosted by the House Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- Staff is currently working on two bill reviews, S. 4561 titled *"Increasing Home Ownership for Servicemembers Act"* and H.R. 4021 titled *"Representation for Exceptional Military Families Act."*
- NS Director attended the 30th Anniversary of The Veterans Consortium (TVC), on which the American Legion holds an Executive Board Member seat as one of the founding members of the organization.
- NS Director met with TVC to discuss the Veteran Naturalization Assistance Program, Service Member Citizenship issues, and Discharge Upgrade Assistance Programs.
- Staff continues to prepare for the 103rd National Convention.

POW/MIA

July 22

- Soldier accounted for from World War II (Williams, M.)
- Soldier accounted for from Korean War (Hartmann, H.)
- Soldier accounted for from World War II (Barrett, A.)
- Airman accounted for from World War II (Pickup, M.)

July 25

- Soldier accounted for from World War II (Brinks, W.)
- Airman accounted for from World War II (Timpo, P.)

Remains Found to Date: 52

PROGRAMS (The American Legion Military Surplus Equipment)

- Processed request: Ammo- 13,640; Rifle – 24; Clips – 135; Static Display – 1
- Participants: Post – 11; Department – 10